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Montana Medicaid Notice

All Provider Types

Elimination of ESOR

Effective September 1, 2007, electronic statements of remittance (ESORs) will no longer be available through the old Medicaid Eligibility and Payment System (MEPS). As you are aware, the ESORs on MEPS are not Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant and providers are required to convert to the ANSI X12 835 format. The ANSI X12 835 is the HIPAA compliant electronic remittance advice (ERA) which adheres to the specific standards for electronic transactions and code sets under HIPAA Administration Simplification. HIPAA requires every provider and payor who does business electronically to use the same health care transactions, code sets and identifiers.

In accordance with HIPAA, Montana Medicaid provides a standardized ANSI X12 835 and will not change or customize this format for individual providers. The ANSI X12 835 is available to all providers through the Montana Access to Health (MATH) Web Portal. All providers with web portal accounts have access to the printable statement of remittance in PDF format. The printable remittance advice is different from the ANSI X12 835 and will continue to be available online and in the PDF format.

To obtain access to the web portal, providers must complete the Trading Partner Agreement, the Electronic Billing Agreement and the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) provider enrollment forms. These forms are available on the Montana Medicaid provider website located at www.mtmedicaid.org. Providers may contact ACS at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 for assistance related to the web portal.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

Provider Relations toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-624-3958

Helena: (406) 442-1837

Visit the Provider Information website:

<http://www.mtmedicaid.org>